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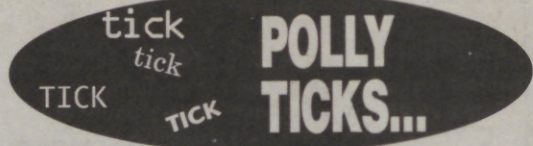
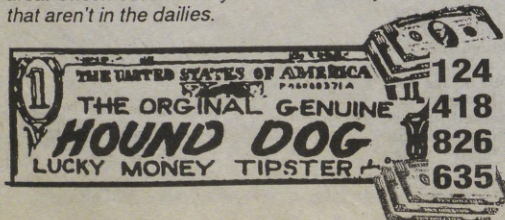
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### SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

This column, which is exclusive to *The Black Mirror News*, will bring the "truth" to our community when others "lie".

### Is The Star-Ledger Reporting The News, or, is it Making The News?

*There is A Difference!*

The responsibility of the press (Star-Ledger) in a democracy is to inform the people. Unless an article is clearly identified as an editorial comment - which is not news, but rather the opinion of one of the editors or writers - "Editorial - Opinions" do not belong in the "News" section of the newspaper, to place them there is unethical.

The editorial-opinion is not necessarily true or accurate, nor does it have to be, because it is only the "opinion" of its author, who, probably is not an expert on the subject he or she is writing about.

Certainly in the case of the Star-Ledger writing about black-elected-officials they bring no expertise to the table.

The Star-Ledger, unfortunately, has allowed its writers to print "Editorial-Opinions," masquerading as news.

### Not Only Is This Practice Unfair, It Is Unethical.

The job of a free and vibrant press is to report fairly and accurately about issues that affect the community that it "serves."

Nowhere is it written that the job of the press is to, in anyway, distort the "facts" that it is reporting to the people.

Americans have such great respect for this principle that the Founding Fathers included it in the Constitution of the United States - Freedom of the Press.

The Star-Ledger, in its zealotry to tar and feather black elected officials, has made a mockery out of the principle of fair and accurate reporting.

Whether or not you agree with the decision of Newark Council Persons Donald Tucker, Bessie Walker, and Gayle Chanefield to retain the services of Dr. Leonard Jefferies to assist them during their trip to Africa, one thing is certain, they had an absolute right to make that decision.

Because *The Black Mirror News* believes so strongly in the rights of the black elected-officials to make independent decisions, we have printed, in its entirety, Councilman Donald Tucker's letter to the Star-Ledger in which he questions the fairness and accuracy of that paper's reporting.

May 7, 1999

Mr. Jim Wilse  
Editor The Star Ledger  
Star Ledger Plaza  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Re: The Star Ledger- A Statewide Newspaper with a Bias Against Africa

Dear Mr. Wilse:

I am writing in response to the *Star Ledger's* editorial



entitled, "On a Power Trip in Newark", printed on May 6, 1999.

In this regard, I believe that your recent editorial is not only a biased opinion of the *Star Ledger*, but is blatantly untrue as well. In all of the numerous *Star Ledger* articles (April 10, 15, 18, 21, 23, 1999 and May 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1999) twelve articles in twenty seven days on the subject of the Newark Municipal Council's trip to Ghana, it failed to inform the public that the purpose was two-fold. The first week of the trade mission to Ghana is to participate in the Sister Cities Program and strengthen the City of Newark's ties with the cities of Kumasi and Cape Coast.

The purpose of the second week of the trip is to attend the 5th Annual African/African American Summit which is being sponsored by Dr. Leon Sullivan in Accra, Ghana. The *Star Ledger* knows from the information that was provided to them by the Office of the City Clerk, that these are separate events and activities taking place in Ghana. However, in all of the news articles which it has published, the *Star Ledger* does not specify this fact.

Another case in point regarding the *Star Ledger*'s biased reporting has to do with the formal Sister Cities relationship between the City of Newark and the Ghanaian cities of Kumasi and Cape Coast. The *Star Ledger* knows that there is fully executed Sister Cities agreement by the Newark City Council, the Metropolitan Assembly of Kumasi and signed by Mayor Sharpe James. However, the *Star Ledger* purposefully choose to highlight the issue of the prospective Sister Cities agreement with the Cape Coast Metropolitan Council which agreement was sent to Mayor James on February 5, 1999 and is currently awaiting execution. Cape Coast is not just an ordinary African town, it has been declared and is recognized as an international monument preserving the human legacy, and is of major importance to the African American community. The *Star Ledger* made deceitful implications to the general public that Newark's Sister Cities relationship with those Ghanaian cities is an illegitimate one at best.

A further example of the *Ledger's* biased reporting can be cited over the issue of the expenditure of public funds. During the Council meeting of April 21, 1999, when the issue of the Ghana trip was being debated, Council Members Gayle Chaneyfield-Jenkins, Bessie Walker and myself stated for the public record that we as individuals were paying for our own air fare and hotel accommodations as they pertain to the Sister Cities program. *Star Ledger* reporter Jesse Drucker printed the fact that Council Members Chaneyfield-Jenkins and Walker paid for their trip to Ghana, but he failed to mention the fact that I paid my way as well.

The hotel arrangements for the three Council Members, two staff members, Dr. Jeffries and Professor James

Smalls relates to the African/African American Summit held during the second week, from May 15th to May 22nd, not the Sister Cities program.

In regard to the cost of the Ghana trip, the *Star Ledger* received information from the Office of the City Clerk on the amount of funds which were paid as registration fees and hotel accommodations for the African/African American Summit. However, the *Ledger* has purposely used the combined costs of both activities in their expose of the Sister Cities related activities thereby distorting the reality of the two trips.

In another example of the *Star Ledger's* biased reporting, they wrote about Council Member Booker's concern over the expenditure of municipal funds as his chief concern and opposition to the Ghana trip. However Council Member Booker's original argument and point of contention about the trip centered around Dr. Leonard Jeffries participation. Booker went so far as to attack the personal character of Jeffries as well as his credentials as an historian of African affairs. It wasn't until the general public responded in support of Dr. Jeffries that Councilman Booker conveniently changed the focus of his objections from Dr. Jeffries to the question of the fiscal impact where he gave distorted information on the overall costs of the trip.

Council Member Amador stated at the Council meeting held April 21, 1999 that no public funds were ever used to go to Portugal and that all of those prior trips were financed by private funds. But when I provided documentation proving that City of Newark funds were in fact utilized on a Portugal trip, Councilman Amador changed his story, a point which the *Star Ledger* chose not highlight, but instead stated that it was not important.

It appears as though the *Star Ledger* has chosen to consistently criticize the City of Newark's relations with Africa, but it has not harped upon city officials as they have traveled to such countries as Japan, China, Peru, Portugal, Italy, England, Israel and other places. None of those trips has received the extensive coverage by the *Ledger* which has proffered twelve articles/editorials over a twenty seven day period, on the Ghana trip which by virtue of this fact, implies that there is a double standard in relating to African affairs. The *Ledger* did not do this amount of extensive reporting for twelve days on the Oklahoma City bombing or the recent shooting of children in Colorado. The *Star Ledger*, it would seem, is no longer reporting on news items, it is now creating news by badgering public officials to do what it wants.

On April 27, 1999, the *Star Ledger* received from the Office of the City Clerk, copies of all of the vouchers and purchase orders which detailed the costs of the Ghana Trip. This actual documented figure totals \$22,097.00 for both the first and second week. However, notwithstanding these documented figures, the *Ledger* still chooses to print in the paper the unsubstantiated figures, which

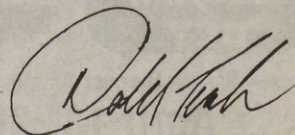
were provided by Councilman Booker originally in the amount of \$36,000.00 then in the amount of \$25,769.00. The *Ledger* also falsely reports that Dr. Jeffries the Council Consultant received \$7,000.00 for "pocket money" for the trip. I would like to state for the record that Dr. Jeffries receives no **pocket money** from the City of Newark. The \$7,000.00 contract which the Council approved on his behalf pays the air fare, hotel and conference registration fees to the African/African American Summit for Dr. Jeffries and his associate Professor James Smalls of CUNY. Dr. Jeffries and Professor Smalls not be in receipt of any direct funds from Newark. The purchase orders which the *Ledger* was provided indicated that checks were made out to the travel agent and the African/African American Summit.

The previous combined trips to China, Israel, Italy and Peru all individually expended more city funds than the transportation costs for Dr. Jeffries but the *Star Ledger* did not write twelve articles or editorials on those trips.

The real issue which the *Star Ledger* is addressing is the participation of Dr. Jeffries and his consultant services to African American elected officials who are involved with the Sister Cities program and the African/African American Summit. The *Ledger* is mindful of the fact that there are few persons within the historical community who have the scholastic achievement, first hand knowledge, and hands on information as Dr. Jeffries. The Newark City Council and the residents of the City of Newark have made it clear that Dr. Jeffries' technical assistance on African affairs is not in question. The question of his political views is the primary motivation of the *Ledger*. The Council is not hiring Dr. Jeffries for his political views.

In closing, it is most interesting to note that those persons and organizations (i.e. Steve Aduabato, Cory Booker, Augusto Amador, Paul Mulshine, Walter Fields, Jesse Drucker) which have been the most critical of Newark's involvement with Ghana, have been silent on the issue of racial profiling within the State of New Jersey. I would be remiss if I did not state that the *Star Ledger's* real purpose for its over-kill exposure of the Municipal Council's Ghana trip is to focus their spotlight upon the participation and involvement of Dr. Leonard Jeffries, not the expenditure of municipal funds.

Sincerely,



Hon. Donald K. Tucker  
Councilman At Large  
City of Newark



## Eastside High School Honors Coach William "Bill" Shipp

Mr. William Shipp, Dean of Students at Eastside High School, Paterson, New Jersey was honored on March 30, 2000 at La Neve's Restaurant in Haledon, New Jersey for his many years of dedication and service for the students of Paterson Public Schools.

Mr. Shipp for eighteen years was Coach of The Men's Track and Field at Eastside High School. During his tenure as Head Coach, Mr. Shipp team dominated the Passaic Valley Conference for 1973 and 1974. He had seven Passaic County Championships 1981-87, N.N.J.I.L. Championship 1981-82 and 1986-87. Group IV. State Sectional 1981, 1986 and 1987.

Coach Shipp has been recognized as Coach of the Year by *The Star Ledger*, *The Herald News*, N.N.J.I.L., and The Passaic County Coaches Association.

In 1989, he was inducted into The New Jersey Coach Hall of Fame. Mr. Shipp is a graduate of Eastside High School; as well as a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University in North Carolina and Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey.

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**Senator Launtenberg endorses Jon Cozine to succeed him in the U.S. Senate.**

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Cozine won the Bergen County Democrats' endorsement with 63 percent of the vote. Cozine also won Mercer County's convention with 75 percent of the vote. He currently holds the endorsements of Democrats in Hudson, Essex, Union, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean counties.

### Who is Jon Cozine

**JON COZINE** was born in a farm town called Willey's Station. He worked his way up to become CEO of one of Wall Street's most respected firms.

As a teenager he pushed cement and laid steel on a construction crew and carried a union card.

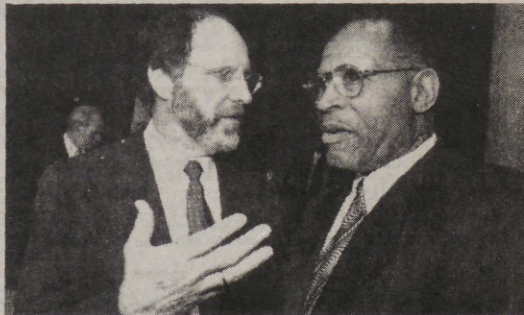
Jon made his college basketball team as a walk-on and married the girl he sat next to in grade school. He joined the Marine Corps Reserves where he became a Sergeant in an infantry unit. He then worked to put himself through graduate business school at night.

Jon and Joanne moved to New Jersey 25 years ago because, like many of us, they know this is where their future could thrive. They raised their family and Jon rose to prominence in the financial world.

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Jon Corzine with his campaign manager, Christy Davis, Esq. Ms. Davis is the first African-American woman to serve as campaign manager for a U.S. Senate candidate in New Jersey. Ms. Davis is a graduate of Rutgers Law School and served as State Director for Sen. Frank Lautenberg, as well as former Chief of Staff for the late Sen. Wynona Lipman.

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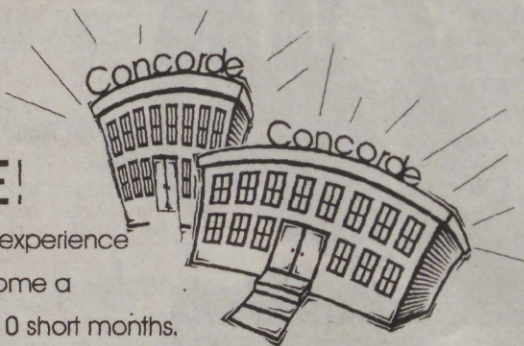
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"Africana," (Basic Civitas Books, \$89.95) is a monumental volume with more than 3,500 entries, which cost more than \$2 million to produce.

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Along with two old friends – Kwame Anthony Appiah and Wole Soyinka, Gates has realized W.E.B. Du Bois' dream of creating a comprehensive encyclopedia of the culture of African peoples worldwide.

Appiah co-edited the volume, and Soyinka, winner of the 1986 Nobel Prize for Literature, chaired the encyclopedia's editorial board.

As the country's premiere interpreter of the black experience, Gates has published several award-winning works of literary criticism, profiled the likes of Michael Jordan and Gen. Colin Powell for the *New Yorker*, opined on subjects like the Internet's racial divide for *The New York Times* and penned a number of books, including "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Man," "Colored People: A Memoir" and most recently, "Wonders of the African World," which accompanies his PBS series of the same name.

Gates runs Harvard University's department of African-American studies, which he has chaired since 1991. In less than a decade, the academic-superstar has single-handedly assembled a "dream

team" of black intellectuals and turned the university's program into the foremost research facility of its kind in the world.

"Gates gives legitimacy to the idea that black people can flourish in academia, and he's also provided that the study of black people is legitimate," says NAACP chairman Julian Bond. "He's incredibly prolific, he's good and he has the power of America's richest university behind him. I'm a big fan."

Shaped in part by DuBois' notion of the talented tenth – the idea that the smartest blacks will lead their people to greatness – Gates feels a huge obligation to give back to his community through his scholarly work.

"I grew up with so many people who had so many good ideas," he says. "But they were poor, they were black and they could never do these things. I can think of an encyclopedia, an anthology, a TV series and I can do for them.

"It's a wonderful position to be in."



Henry Louis Gates Jr. displayed his National Humanities Award last year.



# In the "SPOTLIGHT"

## Whitney Houston "Our" hometown gal

Collected from  
various news sources

**The diva  
reflects and  
rages on  
rumors and  
her music**

Whitney Houston is a little wound up. Sitting in an elegant suite at the St. Regis Hotel in New York recently, she's got the wear and tear of recording an album, as well as keeping up with her young children and the rest of her family, written across her face. Houston has been busy promoting her albums and touring.

**Q:** Some people describe "My Love Is Your Love" as a hip-hop album because you have included Wyclef, Faith and Lauryn Hill.

**Houston:** Well, I've gone from singing too white to R&B diva, and now I'm hip-hop. I guess it's flattering to know that I can sing it all. My mother always said if you can sing you can sing. Having a church background has allowed me to be able to sing every note, every lyric. I'm not a hip-hop buyer. But I love Mary J. Blige – I love the best of hip-hop. To me, Wyclef is not hip-hop – Faith is not hip-hop. Music is a wide range. My husband can rap, sing and dance. He can do it all, and that's what I think of all these artists – they can do it all.

**Q:** Is this album more about your life than the last



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three movie soundtracks?

**Houston:** All those songs were me. I've turned down thousands of songs because they aren't me. All the characters in the films I've done were, in a sense, really me. "Preacher's Wife" was definitely me. I have to feel songs, or I won't sing them. "Why Does It Hurt So Bad" ["Waiting to Exhale"] was a song the Babyface wrote years ago, and I didn't sing it because I hadn't hurt that bad. But "Face" just held on to it, and then of course one day I hurt so bad and it was time to sing that song.

**Q:** With the constant scrutiny of your life, and rumors about your marriage, do you ever wonder if it's worth it?

**Houston:** I was talking to Joe Pesci some time ago – we're both from New Jersey, and we were talking about being a regular person years ago and how we wanted the fame and fortune. But then we got it – we lost our lives. He wondered if we'd made the right choice. I think it's fair to say it's been more than I bargained for – I didn't ask anybody to be up in my world or in my business. It's not fair that our brothers and sisters-in-law get calls offering \$100,000 for information about us.

After seven years of marriage. [The media] sees it's not a game; we are beginning to get a little more respect, they see that some people get married for real and for love. We have our ups and downs like anybody else. But it's about staying together. I'm Mrs. Bobby Brown and not the other way around. That's



not going to change.

**Q:** *We talked about rumors before, and one that seems to be getting stronger is the one about you and drugs. Why?*

**Houston:** I think because with people, it gotta be one thing or another. If we're not fighting or screwing around, then we're on drugs. I'm not going to tell you that Bobby and I are angels, because we're not. But we don't go out in the street and make our stuff public knowledge. No, I'm not a drug addict, and neither is my husband. If that were so, you'd get less work out of me. It would show in the performances and in the work. A lot of what we go through is stress. When I'm stressed I don't eat, and I guess that makes people think I'm on drugs. Some people eat; I don't. But there is no problem, no reason for me to, like, check in. My mother is very up on it, and my mother isn't having that. If there were a problem, she'd take control and do something.

**Q:** *Those rumors sort of started when you canceled on "The Academy Awards Show."*

**Houston:** I was very ill around that time, [There was] a lot of stress coming down on me. The scheduling for rehearsals were in conflict with my many other duties, and I figured that if I'm not presentable and if I'm not feeling it from here [points to her heart], that I'm going to do worse damage to myself by appearing. The producers and I had a conversation about it and we straightened it out fine.

**Q:** *You teamed with Mariah Carey on a song from The Prince of Egypt soundtrack album, was there 'diva tension'?*

**Houston:** We came together to sing; we didn't come together to fight. Mariah and I never had a rivalry because I didn't know her well enough to have one with her, and she didn't know me well enough to have one with me. So when we met, we got to know each other, and now we're friends.

Recording with Carey worked out beautifully. I was taught to stand flat foot and sing. I'm a church girl; it doesn't matter who's there singing with me, I'm going to sing. But singing with a voice like Mariah's, it can only be complementary, 'cause the girl can go. There ain't no lie about that.

I really enjoyed working with her, and we had a great relationship. I'd love to work with her in the future. We talked a lot of crap, a lot about what we can do together as two forces in the music industry, and being women, it makes it even more potent.

The Babyface-produced ballad appears on Houston's album, as well as Carey's greatest hits, and one of the movie's three soundtracks.

**Q:** *What can we expect from you in terms of touring?*

**Houston:** Listen, I've toured my tail off, man, every year I've done an album, I've been on the road. It's not something I fancy; it's a hard-knock life just going from city to city, bus to bus, living out of your suitcase. I'd like to do it [somehow] with just not as much traveling and running around.

**Epilogue:** *In the span of one decade Whitney's list of accomplishments are very impressive:*

She achieved her first Grammy Award from her self titled debut album in 1985. That was followed by four more Grammy Awards, one in 1987 and three in 1994 for her work on *The Bodyguard* which swept Album of the Year, Record of the Year and Best Pop Vocal Performance Female (both for "I Will Always Love You") bringing her career total to five Grammys. She earned an impressive list of entertainment awards including 21 American Music Awards (the most for any female recording artist), 15 Billboard Music Awards, 11 NAACP Image Awards, six People's Choice Awards, six Soul Train Music Awards, five World Music Awards, two Emmy Awards, an MTV Music Video Award, an MTV Movie Award, a Cable Act Award, a Dove (Gospel) Award, a Blockbuster Entertainment Award and a Nickelodeon Kid's Choice Award. In November 1995, she was inducted into the Soul Train Hall of Fame. In 1996, she achieved the honor of being inducted into Nickelodeon Kids.

In summary, it seems that Whitney Houston has not only broken box office records but she has generated wildly successful selling soundtrack albums and hit singles in the process.

Make no mistake, she is very much in control. Whitney's quite simply the definitive pop female vocalist of the last fifteen or so years. *Our hometown gal!*



**DIVAS** – Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston – belting out a tune.



## The Human and Civil Rights Association Meeting in Atlantic City... the guest speaker was Kenneth A. Gibson

Some of the folks (who may be) pictured are:

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# AFTER HOURS AFTER HOURS AFTER HOURS... AFTER HOURS...

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**Stalks**, the husband of **Larrie W. Stalks**... Think about it – maybe racism does control the Oscars.... **James Moody** celebrated his birthday last week and was a guest at **W.B.G.O. radio studio**. He is also a Newarker who cut his jazz teeth up around **Darnell Lloyd's Manor** on Beacon Street... To the **Reginald Harris** family: we knew him personally, he was a good friend. and a great humanitarian... Bless Savior's Day, **Iman W. Deen Mohammed** and Minister **Louis Farrakhan**.

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### ANTHONY PADDEN, 57

*Newark crime fighter*

Mr. Padden taught in the Newark Police Academy and was assigned to the Office of Management and Improvement and Development. After retirement, he worked as a security director for Cablevision and coordinator of fiber optics systems for the Newark Housing Authority. Among his many distinguished accomplishments were service as a special assistant to three city police directors. He was named personal assistant to Police Director Louis Greneleaf. He continued in that post during the tenure of Greenleaf's successor, Claude Coleman, and a portion of the time of the following director, William Celester. As a personal assistant, Mr. Padden was in charge of the police director's schedule and served as liaison between the director, chief and operations office.

### P. MADGE CAMPBELL, 63

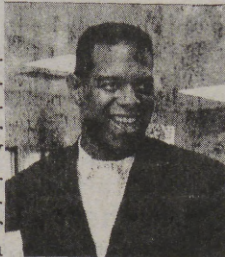
*Attorney of the people*

Mrs. Campbell graduated from Seton Hall University and was a member of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bars. She specialized in matrimonial law, real estate and personal injury cases. She was known more as a social worker than an attorney, helping to fill out papers for people with immigration problems, or if someone's son was in trouble, she'd help out a friend. Mrs. Campbell had a very human and compassionate approach to people.

### REGGIE HARRIS, 46

*TV news reporter*

Reggie Harris was a lead reporter and anchor at WWOR-TV (Ch. 9) since 1997, previously he had been a reporter at WCBS-TV and WNBC-TV in New York. Mr. Harris enjoyed a reputation as a versatile reporter who could cover the most difficult stories with fairness and sensitivity and a reporter who relentlessly pursued a story. He always gave a fair and balanced report especially during the big stories that were potentially inflammatory in nature. He received an Emmy for "New York in Black and White," a multi-part race relations series; an Emmy for "The Business of Begging for Trouble," a four-part series honored as "outstanding Multi-Part News Feature" in 1982. In addition to his television work, Mr. Harris was active in the community, involved in literacy programs in schools throughout the New York metropolitan area.



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

**A salute to Prince Hall:**

Prince Hall was the founder of the oldest social organization among African Americans, The Prince Hall Masons. While most Americans are acquainted with the word "Mason," not many know about Prince Hall.

Prince Hall was born on September 12, 1748, in Bridgetown, Barbados. British West Indies. His father was an Englishman and his mother was a free black woman of French ancestry. It's important to know that Prince Hall was never a slave.

He was not satisfied with the outlook for his father's leather trade in the West Indies, to which he was an apprentice. At age 17, he worked his passage on a sailing vessel headed for Boston and he arrived in March 1765. He immediately found work in his leather trade and at age 25, Prince Hall had acquired real estate and was qualified to vote. Plus, he now owned and operated his soap manufacturing business. Four years after arriving in Boston, he married Sarah Ritchory, who died at age 24. Fifteen years later, in 1784, he married his second wife, Phoebe Baker.

Hall joined the Methodist Church and became a preacher, and was considered the major leader in the black community. As a community leader he advocated citizenship for black people, equality of the law and participation in government.

He opposed all forms of racial and class discrimination and demanded protection of his people from social injustices. He also founded schools to educate black youth as well as adults.

In March of 1775, Prince Hall and 14 other free black men were initialed into Masonry in Boston by a British Army Lodge, the 38th Foot of the Third Brigade stationed in Boston. When the Brigade moved out of Boston, Hall was left with a dispensation to only hold meetings. There was no black Masonic Order (Grand Lodge) in America.

Nine years later, in 1784, a determined Prince Hall applied to the Grand Lodge of England for a Masonic Charter, and in April, 1787, he was granted a Masonic charter from Scotland authorizing him to establish a black Masonic Grand Lodge in America. Four years later in 1791, the first African Grand Lodge was formed and Hall was elected Grand Master.

Over the years he continued to be an advocate for brotherhood and charity and other African Masonic lodges were formed in Philadelphia, and Rhode Island. The New Jersey Grand Lodge was established in 1848. In 1807, Prince Hall died of

Pneumonia. Shortly after his death, black masons changed their Masonic Order from African Grand Lodge to Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

As a result, today there are Prince Hall Black Grand Lodges throughout the United States, and in certain international countries.

Although the founders of Prince Hall Masonry were free black men and the organization has remained predominantly black since its beginning, there are no racial restrictions, to membership. Today, many Prince Hall Masonic brothers are not African Americans.

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New Jersey is presently headed by the most Worshipful Grand Master, Reginald L. Warren, 33°, who resides in Plainfield. Under his leadership, there are 52 lodges divided into eight state districts. Plus the Order of the Eastern Stars, the ladies auxiliary and the concordant bodies.

Fittingly, I salute Prince Hall during the new millennium, for his fight for equality, citizenship, education, participation in government and for being the founder of the oldest African-American fraternal and social organization in America.

Ed Tiller, 33°

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## FYI... FYI... FYI... FYI...

### "Forgive and Forget" television show ... kupa!

Production on the TV program will cease this month with remaining episodes to be broadcast through August. The show's production company recently replaced the former host **Mother Love** with **Mike Tyson's** ex, actress **Robin Givens**.

### 'Moesha' making waves

According to **Beck & Smith**, gossip columnists out of Hollywood, the creator of "Moesha" **Vida Spears** was fired after a power struggle with series star **Brandy** and her manager-mother, **Sonja Norwood**. This has left **Sheryl Lee Ralph** "upset and disturbed." Ralph wondered, "How do you get fired from the show you created - and one that's a hit? It seems Brandy and her mom want the show to have a more dramatic and gritty urban element, and Vida Spears wanted to keep it a more family-oriented comedy. *Stay tuned for more on this UPN sitcom.*



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## SPORTS in COLOR

Congrats to: **Adam Crompton**, St. Benedict's Fencing team won the under 20 and 17 and under Junior Olympics qualifying and went 21-1 to lead his team to the Celrulo Sabre title... **Venus Williams'** dad asked her to leave tennis and go back to school, he said it would save her arms for the future, and she doesn't need the money - she's already proved a point... **Lawrence Taylor**, former football great avoided jail once again when a fed-



**Venus Williams**  
Is it farewell?

eral judge sentenced him to five years' probation and three months' house arrest for tax evasion. He was fined \$10,000 and ordered to undergo drug testing and provide full financial disclosure. Taylor was also order to perform 500 hours of community service within three years.. Taylor pleaded guilty in June 1997 to failing to report \$48,000 in income from his now-closed L.T. Sports Pub in East Rutherford on his 1990 federal tax return. Taylor earned \$1.39 million that year.... Well **Tiger Woods** figured to be the star attraction when the Masters began in Augusta, Georgia, but another gentleman of color proved to be the victor. **Vijay Singh**, a native of Fiji finished three shots ahead of the field at 10-under 278 to become the second Masters champion of color in four years. **Tiger Woods** was the first in 1997.... **Dennis Rodman** seems to be off the deep end with misdemeanors including drunk driving. Rodman had been an NBA basketball star....

*This just in:* **KEYSHAWN JOHNSON's** career with the **Jets** is over. The All-Pro wide receiver has been traded to the **Tampa Bay Buccaneers** and has signed a contract worth \$56 million that includes a \$13 million signing bonus. Keyshawn is the now the highest-paid wide receiver in the NFL. Too bad, egos got in the way (**Parcell's**) of what was arguably the *second best player* the Jets ever had - you know who number one was!

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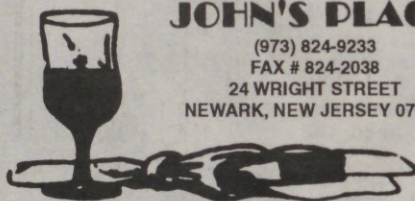
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### TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 22

Don't be hasty with any commitments. Take a long look at those around you. Find out who is on your side and exercise self-control.

### GEMINI MAY 23-JUNE 21

Surround yourself with beautiful things as well as people. You are doing well but you need to get some of those irons out of the fire.

### CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

Perfect those new ideas but don't abandon them or change horses in the middle of the stream. Fickleness could be detrimental.

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It's so hard to fool you, people think you're psychic. They are partly right. Small details rarely escape you.

### LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 22

You are easily wounded by perceived criticism. When you retreat, people are baffled by your moods. Try not to keep jumping to conclusions.

### SCORPIO OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 21

You need lots of praise and flattery but cannot stand people paying attention to others. This can cause you to have unnecessary run-ins with your friends.

### SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 22

You are good at handling money but are apt to live above your means. Check up on your spending. It's a good time to start now.

### CAPRICORNUS DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 20

Self confidence is need to get your house in order. You have the capability to do almost anything you want. Knowledge is power.

### AQUARIUS JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 19

People take advantage of your generosity and this can hurt you. Try keeping your wallet closed and saying no more often.

### PISCES FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 20

Choose your occupation carefully because you'll probably be doing it for the rest of your life. Learn to relax and success is ultimately yours.



## THE SHADOW KNOWS...



Check this out... Last week I passed through the area of South Harrison St. near Central Avenue and I saw a young lady about nineteen getting out of the Buick LaSabre being driven by a man who looked old enough to be her *father's* grandfather and he slipped her some money. Honey, if you think nobody knows what you are doing, think again... And to that young stud on Lyons Ave. who thinks that making babies is some kind of sport, look out, even Pres. Clinton is looking for you for some child support, because now the mother has to name the baby's father before she can collect her assistance check and if it's a choice for her between your name and her name on the check, you will be hung out to dry. So you'd better take your gold chains and your leased Lexus, put them away and find you a steady job — you are going to need it soon. Oh, by the way Mickey D's is always hiring... Here's a tip to the young brothers who are stealing cars; before you take somebody's car for your own personal pleasure, go to driving school first and learn how to drive. 'Cause every time you're pursued by the cops you always end up plowing into a tree, another car or a telephone pole! *The Shadow* cannot figure out

how you think that is fun. (And, I've noticed that the guys I see wheeling these days are getting younger, and younger.) So the moral is — if you don't stop stealing four wheels, you just might end up with two wheels and someone pushing you around town — and I have never seen anyone doing doughnuts in a wheelchair. Have you?... To the young lady who has the platinum weave and lives on Elizabeth Ave near Weequahic Park, (you know who I'm talking about), the one who loves to wear short skirts? Well, Miss, if your skirts get any shorter, you are going to have to have another head of hair to get done, because every time you bend over, your roots show, but maybe you like it like that... *The Shadow* has observed that a lot of young men are riding around town in fancy cars day and night with *no women*. What's the matter, don't you like girls anymore? Is this some sort of new male bonding? ... To: "Miss, I know I'm fine," who's always seen on the club scene with those extra long fingernails. Your hands look like trees with five branches striking out, you look ridiculous. *The Shadow* would really like to know how you make out when you go to the bathroom? I bet when somebody tells you to go scratch your a \_ , you can say "been there, done that"... Well, till next time — don't forget keep alert, look over your shoulders all of the time, because *The Shadow* is watching you — and I will tell it all.

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### Black and Latino lawyers stand defiant against police profiling

By Carl Chase  
Staff Writer

**EAST ORANGE** — Leaders of the Garden State Bar Association and the Hispanic Bar Association stood together recently to condemn the rampant use of profiling by law enforcement agencies in New Jersey.

"As officers of the court, we are appalled at the continued denial by the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey and the leadership of the New Jersey State Police that illegal racial profiling has been and continues to be practiced by some state police officers," the group's president, John E. Page, said in a press conference in East Orange on April 14.

"In fact, figures from the U.S. Justice Department and the U.S. House Judiciary Committee indicate that 72 percent of drivers pulled over for routine traffic stops are African-American," he added. "However, African Americans make up only 14 percent of the national population. The evidence is clear and overwhelming."

"As citizens of the United States and residents of this State of New Jersey, we know that racial profiling exists. In fact, it lessens us and debases us as citizens," he said. "Many of us, whether male or female, have been personally stopped while driving on the highways and in the neighborhoods of this state where we live and work. Our children have been stopped. We have personally suffered the indignities of being stopped by police officers for no reason than driving while black or driving while brown."



Attorney Ronald Thompson of the Garden State Bar Association member Reginald Waynes Joseph's personal account of illegal profiling. The group will offer free help to victims through a toll-free

Hispanic Bar Association President Ramon De La Cruz added, "The facts and statistics regarding racial profiling are clear and convincing to us."

Indeed, more than a half-dozen members recalled their own gut-wrenching experiences on the wrong end of police scrutiny and humiliation. The incidents often led only to embarrassment for cops and a bitter sense that black citizens, no matter how law-abiding or well-accomplished, continue to be viewed by some as the police officer's natural target.

Raymond Hamlin, attorney of exonerated former murder suspect Terrance Everett Iproven innocent of killing Police Officer Joyce Carnegie, recalled an example just three weeks old.

Hamlin and his wife, Urban League of Essex County Execu-

tive Director Loryza LeLin, were stopped in the Mercedes by a Hazlet police officer just because the window tinted. He produced and lished law forbidding stops for window tint, before the police had him and inconvenienced the Hamlin and his wife were quite upset, he definitely ruined our evening."

He seemed emotion when he added, "My 30-year-old Raymond Jr. in the back seat, and he a -What's wrong, Daddy wrong?"

"The tint on my car was very slight, and you can see inside the car," he said. Hamlin showed the car to reporters outside the press conference at the law office of Ronald Thompson on Harrison Street.

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